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A TRUE GHOST STORY

THE REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF BISHOP WILBERFORCE.

Singular and Important Disclosure Made by the Quiet Clerical Guest at an English Country House When Addressed by the Bishop.

The following remarkable incident in the life of the late Samuel Wilberforce, bishop of Oxford and afterward of Winchester, is related as absolutely authentic, and the good bishop himself is said to have many times rehearsed the story to his friends:

On a certain occasion the worthy bishop had accepted an invitation to stay at a country house not far from London. Entering the drawing room previous to dinner on the evening of his arrival, he noticed a priest, evidently of the Roman communion, sitting by the open fire and taking no part in the general conversation. The bishop was somewhat surprised at not being presented to the priest, and his astonishment was great when a few moments later dinner being announced the guests retired, leaving the priest at his place by the fire. The hostess having assigned Bishop Wilberforce the seat of honor at her right hand, as soon as an opportunity offered he remarked:

"I beg your pardon, madam, but may I inquire who was the priest we left sitting apart in the drawing room?"
"Ah, you have seen him, then?" replied the lady. "It is not every one who has that privilege. I cannot tell you who he is or whence he comes. For many years this specter has haunted the house and grounds. It has, in fact, been a tradition in the family. He seems to do no harm, and, although he appears only occasionally, we have become quite accustomed to our friendly ghost."

"How very singular!" remarked his lordship. "But have you never addressed your priestly specter?"
"Indeed, I have had no opportunity, nor the desire, for that matter," responded the hostess, growing pale.

"May I take the liberty now?" inquired the dignitary.
"With all my heart, your lordship," replied the lady. The bishop arose and, returning to the drawing room, found the priest where he had left him a few minutes before. Having no fear, the bishop said kindly:

"Who are you, my friend, and why are you here?"
The specter seemed to sigh deeply and say as though to itself, "At last!"

Then in a hollow voice, addressing the bishop, it continued: "I am the spirit of a priest who left this world some eighty years ago, and I am here to impart to any one who will receive it a secret which died with me. I could not rest in my grave while a great wrong was being done which it was in my power to right. I have been returning all these years in the hope some one would address me, for it was not given to me to be the first to speak. All men have shunned me until now, and it is your mission to do my bidding. I was a priest of the church of Rome and was called to this house eighty years ago to receive the confession of a dying man. He was the sole possessor of a secret the knowledge of which would alter materially the entail of this vast estate, and in his death he wished to repair the terrible wrong he had brought upon his kin."

"At his request I wrote down the confession word for word as he gave it to me and when he finished had barely time to administer the final sacrament of the church before he expired in my arms. It was very important that I should return to London that night, and in passing through the library to leave the house I concluded it would be safer not to carry the paper on which was written the confession away with me, but to place it in some secure, unseen spot, where I could obtain it the following day and deliver the document to the person for whom it was intended. Mounting the steps to the bookshelves, I took out a copy of Young's 'Night Thoughts,' which was the first book upon the uppermost shelf nearest the last window, and, inserting the paper carefully between its leaves, I replaced the book and departed. A horse was awaiting me at the door, but ere we reached the entrance of the grounds he took fright. I was thrown and instantly killed. Thus died the secret of my confessor with me. No one has disturbed that book in all these years, and no one has had the courage to address this messenger from the unknown. The paper will be found as I have stated, and it remains for you to correct the injustice which has so long been upon this noble family. My mission is over, and I can rest in peace."

At the close of this remarkable speech the specter faded gradually from sight, and the bishop was left gazing into space. Recovering from his astonishment, Bishop Wilberforce went at once to the library and found the book exactly as indicated by the specter. In its secluded corner upon the top shelf, thick with the dust of ages, evidently the book had remained unmolested many years. There was the document just as described, but now faded and yellow. The secret of the confession never became known to the world. The good bishop regarded it as a confidence from the spiritual world and always ended the story with the assurance that the priestly specter was never again seen. It is a fact, however, that about the time of this extraordinary occurrence the magnificent estate in question passed into possession of a remote member of the family who until then had lived in obscurity.

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INDIANA OFFICERS MAY LOSE ANGELO

Dilatory Manner of County Officers Displeases Canadian Judge—Must Get Evidence Soon.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Dec. 30.—There is little likelihood that Michael Angelo, an Italian wanted in Indiana, Pa., on charge of murdering his father-in-law, and who is under arrest here, will ever have to answer to the accusation. The prisoner was brought before Extradition Commissioner Lafontaine to show cause why he could not be taken back to Indiana for trial. Indiana county authorities were represented by United States Consul Gorman. Attorney Dubresle, for the prisoner, called a Mr. Tremblay, who had an interview with Angelo in which the latter was said to have made a confession. Tremblay on cross-examination admitted that he might have misunderstood the meaning of Angelo's words.

"This is indeed flimsy evidence upon which to ask for committal of the accused," said Commissioner Lafontaine, addressing Mr. Gorman. "But I shall commit him if you are willing to take chances against the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus, or I will remand him."

"I will take no chances," answered Gorman. "I prefer that he be remanded."

"All right," added the Court. "We will remand Angelo until next Tuesday and if at that time more conclusive evidence as to his guilt is not forthcoming I will give him his freedom. And I must say to you, Mr. Gorman," added the Court, "that I am annoyed at the dilatory manner in which the Indiana county authorities are acting. If they have stronger evidence against the prisoner they must furnish it without delay."

Mr. Gorman promised that this evidence would be speedily forthcoming.

NEW WHITE HOUSE RULES.

Regulations Adopted to Handle the Crowd at the President's New Year's Reception.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—As the result of a conference of the army, navy and marine corps officers detailed to duty at White House social functions, a new method has been devised of handling the great crowd at the President's New Year reception. There was a bad congestion last year in the long, tunnel-like eastern wing of the White House, through which the callers were obliged both to enter and depart.

Under the new plan callers will enter the White House at the north door. Within the vestibule they will turn to the right, passing through a small ante-room and go straight to the Red Room, instead of going through the State dining room, as heretofore. In the Red Room callers will turn to the left and enter the Blue Room, where the President and the receiving line will be stationed. Opposite the receiving line will stand a solid line of officers, in brilliant uniforms. Colonel Bromwell, U. S. A., will make the introductions to the President, and Major McCawley, U. S. M. C., will announce the names.

Callers will then proceed into the East Room, out of the north door of that room down stairs to the east wing and out to the street. This makes a single line moving always ahead and never doubling on itself in a narrow place.

FRENCH TREATY OF ARBITRATION

Text of Agreement to Refer Differences to the Hague Court for Settlement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Although supposedly protected by the Senate's injunction of secrecy, the text of the Franco-American arbitration treaty, signed on November 1, and now awaiting ratification, has become public. It is practically the same text as that of arbitration treaties signed with England, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, and which similarly await ratification.

Article 1 contains the vital provision. It says:

"Differences which may arise of a legal nature, or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the two contracting parties, and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, shall be referred to the permanent court of arbitration established at The Hague by the convention of July 29, 1899, provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interests, the independence or the honor of the two contracting States, and do not concern the interests of the third parties."

The opposition to the ratification of the treaties is not expected to be strong enough to succeed. It proceeds from the traditional Irish opposition to any arbitration treaty with England, and from the fear of Southern Senators that the treaty may be made the vehicle for forcing the payment of repudiated Southern bonds. Attack by these influences will probably be made in the form of an amendment to exclude all questions bearing on the domestic affairs of either power.

Spect It's So.

A preacher once came at a newspaper man in this way: "You editors do not tell the truth. If you did you could not live; your papers would be failures." The editor smiled: "You are right, and the minister who will at all times and under all circumstances tell the truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand, with whitewash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are the great saint-making triumvirate." And the minister went away looking very thoughtful, while the editor turned to his work and told of the surprising beauty of the bride, while in fact she was as homely as a mud fence.—Ex.

How It Fits Morgan.

New York Press.]
It was reported that the King of Italy, in acknowledgment of J. Pierpont Morgan's return of the stolen stole of Ascoli, was to create the eminent financier a commander of the Order of Sts. Maurice and Lazarus. Lest it might be thought that the King was perpetrating a little joke it ought to be explained that St. Lazarus was not the person who sat at the gate of Dives. Still, "St. Pierpont Morgan, of the Order of Lazarus," would have a certain humorous incongruity about it.

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In the course of time she finds a better place to live at a lower rent; finds a cash buyer for that suburban lot which Uncle John willed to her a few years ago; discovers a better music teacher for Ethel; and rents the two extra rooms in the house for enough to pay the wages of her household help.

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AMERICA NEUTRAL IN MOROCCO'S CRISIS.

Administration Fully Informed of the Lawlessness Prevailing, Instructs Consular Representative.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Absolute neutrality will be observed by the United States in the condition of turmoil coming on apace in Morocco.

Mr. Hoffman Phillips, American vice consul general at Tangier, has informed the State Department that the Sultan had apparently refused to receive the French mission which planned to go to Fez, and that in consequence this mission has been indefinitely postponed, the military mission recalled and the French consul and all French citizens warned

to leave Fez. Mr. Phillips requested instructions. He stated that all the other diplomatic and consular representatives in Morocco were awaiting orders from their governments.

Mr. H. H. P. Pierce, third assistant secretary of State, conferred with Secretary Hay and then cabled Mr. Phillips carefully to avoid any appearance of favoring one side or the other in the troubles now in progress. If conditions become dangerous Mr. Phillips is instructed to advise all American citizens in Morocco to repair to Tangier. He is directed to keep the State Department constantly informed of developments.

Mr. Phillips recently rendered a mail report giving instances of the lawlessness and disorder, which, he said afforded "an additional evidence of the disregard for governmental authority among the Moors."